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RIOTING WOMEN FIGHT POLICE IN FOOD COST WAR

Housewives Raid China Store for Missiles and Bombard Dealer

MAGISTRATE ROUTS MOB

Imber and Detectives, in Auto, Disperse Rioters—Seventeenth Arrest Made

Rioting by housewives, protesting against high costs of foodstuffs, blazed forth in the streets again today, while the re-enforced police steeled themselves to check market-day disturbances, and a move was begun for a State-wide probe into the food situation.

A crowd of fifty indignant women, attacking a fish market at 228 South Fourth street, was dispersed by Magistrate Imber with his automobile. The Magistrate responded to a police riot call.

A determined assault was made on the shop. Here the proprietor, Jacob Potanin, selling fish in spite of the boycott, was taken by surprise and soon his stock was piled into the gutter. For "ammunition" women invaded the crockery shop of Harry Inzer, 226 South Fourth street, next door, where they encountered Belgic resistance. In the melee the woman's hand was badly cut by broken crockery. Dishes were used as missiles to smash the windows of the fish market.

Policeman Moore, of the Second and Christian streets station, was making vain efforts to protect the store when some one fired a riot call. Magistrate Imber, at the Second and Christian streets station, jumped into his automobile and Detectives Louis, Martinelli and Bozarth tumbled in after him. The motorcar, racing to the scene of disorder, frightened the crowd, and the women dispersed, shouting threats at the harried policeman.

Investigation of high prices of foods will be sought by Representative Leopold C. Glass, of 1613 South Sixth street, who said that he would ask for the appointment by Governor Brumbaugh of a commission made up of three or five men with expert knowledge of markets.

One arrest was made this morning on South Seventh street, the scene of many demonstrations yesterday, when sixteen arrests were made.

WOMAN RIOTER ARRESTED

Mrs. Sarah Schitzer, 2111 South Fourth street, was arrested on a charge of highway robbery when she snatched a chicken from a woman who said she had purchased it for a sick member of her family. Mrs. Schitzer was held without bail by Magistrate Baker, at the Fourth street and Snyder avenue station, for further hearing.

Tension was high today in the food riot district with large market-day crowds surging through the streets. The presence of police in large numbers held the women in check, but the storm threatened at any moment. Realizing that the women were on the verge of desperation, police officers in large numbers were sent out again at points where danger threatened. On South Seventh street, eight times the usual number of policemen were on duty. They kept the crowds moving and prevented any attempt to start demonstrations.

Two alleged rioters, who were arrested for interfering with the police late last night, were held in \$600 bail today by Magistrate Baker for further hearing. They are Nathan Horwitz, seventeen years old, 1613 South Front street, and Harry Kaplan, twenty-two years old, 2935 South Eighth street.

The pressure of the boycott on potatoes, chickens and onions was felt today, as was evidenced by the fact that only a few merchants cautiously withdrew these commodities from the market.

The fear of boycott is spreading to merchants whose products have not yet been included in the women's "blacklist." Jewish butchers along Seventh street started a protest this morning to adopt methods to prevent the boycott from spreading. They will hold an informal meeting Sunday night at the home of one of their number. It is expected this morning. Meetings of dealers in other commodities are also being spoken of, although no definite organization has been formed.

Because of the detention by the police of several women taken at Seventh and Market streets, a crowd of more than 500 gathered at the police station at Fourth and Snyder avenue last night. They were dispersed through the efforts of Leopold Glass, Representative of the First District, who obtained bondsmen for the prisoners.

SEVERAL HELD FOR TRIAL

During the late afternoon, sixteen arrests were made in various districts. Twelve rioters were held in \$600 bail for Court and Snyder avenue police station. They were Harry Stein, eighteen, 511 Devoe street; Benjamin Schwartz, twenty-two, 915 Jackson street; Holder Manhaft, twenty-eight, 642 Jackson street; Benjamin Weiss, thirty-three, 2416 South Hutchinson street; Herbert Bernstein, twenty, 216 North street; Frank McCann, thirty, Market street; Harry Rosen, thirty-two, Market street; Rose Lane, sixteen, 416 Catharine street; Pauline Austroff, twenty-six, Snyder avenue; Nannie Brenner, thirty-one, 417 Snyder avenue; Rose Cronketti, sixteen, 723 Ritter street.

THE WEATHER

FORECAST

Philadelphia and vicinity—Rain warmer tonight, with lowest temperature about forty degrees; Saturday cloudy, with rapidly falling temperature in the afternoon and night; Sunday south to west winds.

LENGTH OF DAY

TEMPERATURE EACH HOUR



"MOTHER" MUNRO The latest move of Mrs. Hugh F. Munro further to endear herself to Kensington housewives is the formation of a co-operative marketing campaign to combat the "high cost of living."

ALLEGED POISONING OF FUNSTON DENIED

War Department Stamps as Untrue a Published Story That General Was Murdered

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—A story published in Pittsburgh today that General Frederick Funston was the victim of a poison plot was denied at the War Department this afternoon. It was stated officially that the poison report was brought to the attention of the department several days ago and had an investigation begun at once, has proved it to be untrue.

According to the Pittsburgh account a former attempt had been made to poison General Funston and his physician, Doctor Irish, was pledged to secrecy. This time, so the story goes, the plotters mixed prussic acid with his food.

General Pershing, according to the Pittsburgh story, will be the next army officer poisoned.

The unnamed informant in Pittsburgh is reported to have said the motive of these plotters (presumably German sympathizers) was to do away with two of the most formidable generals of the United States army before hostilities with Germany should begin.

BRUMBAUGH UNDER FIRE EATS TWO-BIT CAFE

Governor and Party Shun Lancaster's Good Hotel and Dine at Cheap "Around the Corner" Place

LANCASTER, Pa., Feb. 22.—Governor Brumbaugh, since the probe of his expenditures in Lancaster, has taken to "the little restaurant around the corner" in Lancaster and, when he visited here yesterday, with a chauffeur, secretary and dog, the quintet dined at a well-known twenty-five-cent place.

The restaurant abuts the Hotel Brunswick, where the governor has always stayed, and where he often meets Lieutenant Governor McMan. "Regular dinners" were served to the governor's party.

ONE POLICEMAN HELD IN KIPPAX SLAYING

O'Connor Must Face Grand Jury for Alleged Part in Death of Boy

George Shotmiller, a policeman at the Manayunk station, was discharged today in the coroner's inquest into the death of Arthur Kippax, seventeen-year-old lad who was shot and killed on February 11, when climbing a fence at the store of Nathan Potts, 4417 Manayunk street, and William E. Robinson, secretary and dog, the quintet dined at a well-known twenty-five-cent place.

Testimony brought out before Coroner William E. Kehler at the City Hall today by Dr. William Wadsworth showed that Kippax was shot in the back of the neck, and that one bullet passed through the spine at the base of the head, and the other through one of his hips. Both came from behind. Doctor Wadsworth said that previous reports that the boy had been shot in the forehead.

William E. Robinson, 5443 Ridge avenue, the first of the three boys put on the stand, today testified that Kippax and the other two boys Alfred Leech, 227 Jamestown avenue, and William Sobey, 2907 Mitchell street, had arranged beforehand to rob the store of Nathan Potts.

The store is located at 4417 Manayunk street. The witness said that Robinson and Leech were the first to enter the store. He said today that Kippax went to his home to get two suit cases in which to hide away the loot. He added that Kippax did not get two suit cases, but came to the store with one suit case and a satchel, about five minutes after he and Leech had entered.

The suit case and satchel were identified on the stand today as the property of members of the Kippax family.

Robinson also testified that two minutes after Sobey and Kippax returned with the suit case and satchel, they heard a noise at the door and ran.

He said that Sobey and Leech went one direction with Miller in pursuit, while he and Kippax went another, with O'Connor following them.

Robinson says he himself fell off the fence in his fright, and he heard a number of shots just as Kippax was starting to climb the fence. He says that at the time, O'Connor was the only officer in the yard and that he was about a dozen feet from them. He says that Kippax was not facing the officer, but making an attempt to get away.

The owner of the store, Nathan Potts, testified that he had been erroneously quoted when it was said that he knew the boys and was sure they were not in his store with ulterior motives.

RELIEF FOR EAST FROM FOOD STRESS SEEN AS WEST SPEEDS UP HEAVY TRAINS OF SUPPLIES

Commodities, to Arrive in Big Centers Soon, Expected to Ease Situation—Martine Attempts to Force Embargo Measure Through Senate

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—An amendment to the revenue bill, empowering the President to seize foodstuffs "wrongfully held for the purpose of unjust increases in prices" in violation of anti-trust laws, was introduced in the Senate today by Senator Lewis, Administration whip.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—A final attempt to force a food embargo through Congress was made in the Senate today when Senator Martine, New Jersey, offered a resolution prohibiting the exportation of staple food products.

RELIEF from the near-prohibitive cost of living, which has roused eastern centers to open revolt, is in sight, with the speedy dispatch of carloads of foodstuffs from the West and Middle West.

PRESIDENT WILSON and Congress sought means to give assistance; the President through conference with his Cabinet, and Congress through measures to investigate and facilitate transportation. Freight congestion, apparently, has been slightly eased. Senator Martine tried to force a food embargo through the Senate.

NATIONAL fund of \$100,000,000 is proposed by a group of Senators to purchase food and resell to the poor at "reasonable prices." Official Washington is not greatly disturbed at the riots of foreign women.

NEW YORK may have a food dictator. Legislation is before the Assembly at Albany for State control and a \$5,000,000 bond issue for taking over market terminals to handle supplies in the large cities.

IN NEW YORK city rioting continues with the Jewish market day and further price advances. Figures show that there is more food stored in the metropolis than a year ago. Mayor plans relief action.

A STATE-WIDE probe into the high cost of food in Pennsylvania was proposed today by Representative Leopold C. Glass, of this city, while rioting broke out again in southeast Philadelphia. The housewives' determination to boycott high-priced food choked sales in fish, potatoes, chickens and onions.

MINNEAPOLIS FLOUR MILLS SPEED PRODUCT TO CITIES OF THE EAST

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Feb. 23.—Forty cars, compactly loaded with flour, were being rushed in a "relief special" over the Chicago Great Western to Chicago and eastern cities today as a measure to avert a flour famine.

Minneapolis mills, the largest in the country, today worked seventy-five per cent capacity in preparing for another special to be dispatched tonight. Through an unseen influence, reported to be a Federal agent, Minneapolis millers were assured that 400 cars would be sent them with the express understanding that the cars be loaded for New England points.

JERSEY SENATOR TRIES TO FORCE EMBARGO ON FOOD PRODUCTS

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"The time has come," said Senator Martine, "when Congress should cooperate to relieve the suffering caused by the high cost of living. People are rioting for bread in New York. From Philadelphia comes the cry of hunger. In this land of prosperity, wealth and plenty no such condition should exist.

"We are shipping vast quantities of food across the water while our own people starve. Should Congress stand blind to the suffering of our fellow citizens? An embargo on staple food products will lower prices."

Senator Martine described the gay revelry and unparalleled extravagance along Broadway while "a few blocks away people were dying for bread."

In an effort to get immediate relief from the acute food situation in the East, Chairman Denman, of the new Federal Shipping Board, conferred with the President this afternoon on a plan to press into coastwise trade foreign vessels constructed or under construction.

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EULOGY FOR FUNSTON ROUSES PENROSE'S IRE

Objects to Tribute Planned During Memorial Services in Senate

By a Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—Senator Penrose, of Pennsylvania, indicated today that he did not believe a soldier should be considered in the same category with Congressmen and Senators when he vigorously protested to a request by Senator Thompson, of Kansas, to be allowed to pronounce a eulogy on the late General Frederick Funston, at the conclusion of the eulogies which are scheduled to be delivered Sunday in the Senate for late members of the House.

When Senator Thompson had made his request, Senator Penrose immediately took the floor and registered his protest, saying that the proposition would be in "wretched taste." He said further it would not be in accord with the prestige and precedents of the Senate, and gave numerous other reasons. Just what Penrose holds against Funston could not be ascertained, but his remarks and the whole proceeding were thought to be in such bad form that Senator Clapp asked unanimous consent to have the whole affair stricken from the Senate record.

Senator Reed also took occasion to suggest that in view of the opposition and remarks of the Pennsylvania Senator, Senator Thompson withdraw his request.

This Senator Thompson refused to do and also refused to consent to have his request stricken from the record. The Pennsylvania Senator also informed the Senate that he wanted his remarks to remain in the record. The whole matter was finally closed on a call for the regular order, which immediately displaced the question of the Funston eulogy.

QUICK NEWS

U. S. BARS AMMUNITION FOR CARRANZA LEADER

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—The State Department has refused to grant a specific request of the Mexican Government to import from this country two million rounds of ammunition for General Murguia, commander of the Constitutional forces in northern Mexico.

100 STICKS OF DYNAMITE UNDER P. R. R. BRIDGE

MILFORD, Del., Feb. 23.—One hundred sticks of dynamite were found beneath a railroad bridge on the Pennsylvania line here today. It is believed an attempt to blow up the bridge had been planned.

NORTHERN MINNESOTA FACES COAL FAMINE

DULUTH, Minn., Feb. 23.—Virtually every community in the Mesabi iron range of northern Minnesota is threatened with a coal famine. Cord wood, turned to in this timber country for relief, is buried beneath impenetrable snow drifts.

SUFFRAGE TO GO BEFORE MAINE VOTERS

AUGUSTA, Me., Feb. 23.—Governor Milliken today signed the resolution submitting an equal suffrage amendment to the Constitution to the people of Maine on the second Monday in September of the present year. The measure received twelve votes more than the necessary two-thirds in the House and was passed unanimously in the Senate.

MAIL HALTED; U. S. BUSINESS IN LONDON CRIPPLED

LONDON, Feb. 23.—American business here is being tied into knots by delay in mails from the United States. The last mail received here, dated January 27, came February 4. There has been none since.

\$19,254,269 IN CITY TREASURY

The weekly statement of City Treasurer William McCoach shows that the receipts amounted to \$34,286.70 and the payments to \$1,121,338.95, which, with the sum on hand last week, not including the sinking fund account, leaves on hand a balance of \$19,254,269.11.

JAPAN TO HAVE 7 SUPERDREADNOUGHTS BY 1923

TOKIO, Feb. 23.—According to Japan's naval program, she will have seven superdreadoughts of the strength of the Arizona, America's largest fighting vessel, by 1923. The last warship of the line to be launched was the Hyuga, one of the most powerful men-of-war in the world. The Hyuga is the fourth battleship of her class to be completed. She carries twelve fourteen-inch guns.

AMERICAN STEAMSHIP ORLEANS PASSES WAR ZONE

BORDEAUX, Feb. 23.—A wireless message received here today from the American steamship Orleans says that she has passed through the danger zone and will soon arrive in port. (The Orleans and the Rochester, both controlled by the Kerr Steamship Company, were the first American freighters to embark for the barred zone after the break with Germany. German papers described their sailing as "wickedly tempting God." The Rochester also is bound for Bordeaux, and is expected to make port within the next few days.)

J. P. MORGAN & CO. SEND \$12,000,000 GOLD TO MINT

The Philadelphia Mint has received \$12,000,000 more in gold to be credited to the account of J. P. Morgan & Co. The consignment arrived from Canada.

BIG LOCOMOTIVE ORDER FOR BALDWIN'S

The Baldwin Locomotive Works has received orders for the following locomotives: Thirty-five Mikado type for the Illinois Central Railroad; twenty Pacific type for the Lehigh Valley Railroad, and thirty-six of another kind, and one for the Carnegie Steel Company Homestead plant. This, it was said, was one of the largest locomotive orders Baldwin's have received recently.

WINDOW GLASS UP 10 PER CENT MORE

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 23.—The American Window Glass Company has advanced prices on all lines of window glass ten per cent. The last previous advance was made in December, when the list was put up ten per cent.

FRANCE TO CONSERVE COPPER; U-BOATS CUT SUPPLY

PARIS, Feb. 23.—The Government is preparing to take an inventory of all the copper in the Republic. It was learned today that a bill is being prepared for introduction in the Chamber of Deputies providing that all who have more than a hundredweight of copper in their possession declare it to the authorities at once. (The foregoing indicates that the German submarine war is beginning to make itself felt in France. France has got the bulk of her copper supply from munitions from the United States.)

HOGS SCORE NEW HIGH RECORD OF \$13 IN CHICAGO

CHICAGO, Feb. 23.—France has bought 15,000,000 pounds of fat backs here, paying the highest price known, for future shipment. Hogs have reached \$13 a new high record.

U. S. RELIEF SHIPS GOING TO BEIRUT

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—If Turkey proves unable or unwilling to obtain from Germany and Austria the safe-conducts asked for by the United States for its warships to go to Beirut to bring away the 1900 American refugees there, it is virtually certain that the ships will go without them. The trip would take them through the submarine zone and through a part of it where Austrian submarines have been active. If they make such a trip, they will go with the eyes of the world focused on them, since any attempt against them by submarines would be an act of war.

FINED \$500 FOR SELLING ONE DRINK OF WHISKY

HATTIESBURG, Miss., Feb. 23.—Robert Beard was fined \$500 when caught selling one drink of whisky for twenty-five cents. The quarter was marked. Beard paid his fine.

TWENTY AMERICAN CONSULS REACH BERNE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—The State Department today received word of the arrival at Berne February 23 of twenty American Consuls from various points in Germany. United States Treasury Agent Gottschalk is with them. Ernst Entermann, Vice Consul at Stuttgart, Germany, was taken ill at Lindau and is now in a hospital there.

SHIP SEIZURE BILL REPORTED IN HOUSE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—An administration bill amending the shipping board act and giving the President power to take possession in time of national emergency of vessels which may be under construction for foreign purchasers in American shipyards was reported to the House by Chairman Alexander, of the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries.

SCHWAB PROMISES MEN FOR WAR DUTY

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—Charles M. Schwab, for the iron and steel industries which he is identified, and Police Commissioner Arthur Woods, for the police force of the city, promised for the defense of the country in case of need the services of the men they command. Both were speakers at the annual dinner of the Police Lieutenants' Benevolent Association at the Waldorf.

PANAMA CANAL BREAKS BUSINESS RECORD

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—The Panama Canal did its biggest month's business in January, according to figures available today, 176 vessels with a tonnage of 567,829, having passed through the waterway. The previous record was in July, 1915, when 179 ships of 547,370 tonnage passed through the canal. January also set a new record for customs business at the canal terminal ports, where services were performed for 726 craft, including those passing through the canal.

BRITAIN'S FOOD IN PERIL, SAYS LLOYD GEORGE

Asserts U-Boat Menace Critical Unless Met Immediately

SUPPLIES AT HAND LOWEST ON RECORD

Will Bar All Luxuries and Import Necessities Only

SHORTAGE OF SHIPS GRAVE

Most Revolutionary Program of Restrictions Ordered by Premier

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23. Robert Allen Hadden, American missionary, was killed when the French liner Athos was sunk by a submarine 210 miles east of Malta on February 17, the State Department announced today.

This information reached the State Department in a dispatch from Consul Koblinger, at Malta.

Hadden was an American Presbyterian missionary and was stationed at Foochow, China. His American address was given as the Mission Board.

Germany's submarines are menacing seriously Great Britain's tonnage and food supply. This was admitted by Premier Lloyd George in the House of Commons today. Lloyd George proposed a most drastic program to meet the crisis. The alternative would be national disaster, he said. All luxuries will be barred. Imports will be restricted to necessities only. The Government will control food prices for years to come and submarines will be hunted "from the deep." "Enormous sacrifices" will be imposed upon the British people, and the entire scheme will involve virtually an economic revolution.

Germany has no intention to give up her submarine weapon, according to declarations in the Reichstag. Washington is now thoroughly cognizant of this fact. As a result, following receipt of the reply to Ambassador Penfield's note from Austria, a severance of diplomatic relations is expected, to be followed by similar action in regard to Bulgaria and Turkey. President Wilson will go before Congress early next week.

The Government has not yet reached any decision on the question of arming American liners, Secretary of the Navy Daniels admitted today, following a conference with P. A. S. Franklin, head of the American Line.

U-BOATS FORCE RADICAL PLAN BY LLOYD GEORGE

LONDON, Feb. 23. Face to face with a menace of admitted gravity to her food supplies, through operation of Germany's submarines, England has determined upon the most drastic curtailment of her imports.

All luxuries will be banned. Nonessential staples must make way for the necessities of war.

Premier Lloyd George announced these sweeping steps in the House of Commons today.

The restrictive plans will affect the very foundations of British life. They will practically influence the dining table of every British citizen.

"If such a program is carried out," the Premier gravely promised his audience, "England can face the enemy's worst."

"Food stocks are lowest in our recollection," England's man of the hour declared, "due to bad harvest." For the nation's life increased production is necessary.

"The year before the war fifty millions of tons of shipping entered British ports. During the past year the total was 20,000,000. This was due partly to the allocation of tonnage to our Allies.

"Italy and France are begging for more ships.

"A considerable portion of our tonnage has been sunk by submarines during the past thirty months. The ratio has been increased during the past four or five years."

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Rostand Talks of the Great War

An interview with the famous French poet and dramatist, obtained by

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special correspondent of the EVENING LEDGER in France, will appear in tomorrow's Evening Ledger